

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Addison Central Supervisory Union?

<p><b>RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Addison Central Supervisory Union.</b></p>
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**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Title I of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* requires LEAs to distribute Title I money among eligible Title I schools using a minimum of 125% per (poor) pupil if any school served has a student body with less than 35% poverty. Addison Central requests a waiver of this requirement so as to serve an additional eligible school. Allowing this will ensure that additional eligible ACSU schools receive, and their eligible students are served with, Title I dollars which have increased in this supervisory union this year as a result of one time ARRA funding.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156

**Vermont Department of Education  
2009 Ed-Flex Waiver Request Form**

**Date:** 7/22/2009

**LEA:** Addison Central Supervisory Union

**LEA Contact:** Vicki Wells

**Type of Waiver Requested:** Other, Waive the 125% per pupil requirement for LEAs that serve schools w/ less than 35% poverty.

1. Describe why the waiver is needed: ACSU is requesting a waiver of the 125% per pupil allocation. We have grandfathered in two schools that were eligible last year but not this year and we would like them to be able to take advantage of some of the ARRA funds. The waiver is being requested as many supports and services for all eligible schools (i.e. teacher leaders, professional development, materials and supports for SU wide programs, early education, etc.) are funded through the LEA and adding more funds specifically to schools would detract from the ability of the LEA to provide agreed upon professional development and other supports and services.
2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver: ACSU administrators have, for several years, come together to develop a four year professional development plan in the line with our Action Plans, Performance Targets, and Power Standards. LEA funds are used to provide the professional development and other supports and services necessary to maintain consistency of practice, knowledge, and curriculum across our schools. ACSU has implemented SU wide programs such as Foundations, Bridges and Connected Math. Funds at the LEA level help not only support their implementation, but provide training across all schools to ensure fidelity of implementation and consistency of practice. Our ability to continue to provide this level of service will ensure continued progress towards a more effective system for all students.
3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request: The waiver request was developed as a result of the DOE's review of the ACSU Consolidated Federal Programs application. The waiver and the option for increasing per pupil allocations to 125% were discussed in-depth with the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent with a recommendation to apply for the waiver. The Superintendent sent a memo to all ACSU administrators describing options and has received feedback from many.
4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured: ACSU administrators will continue to meet monthly to discuss consistency of implementation of curriculum and best practice as well as the professional development offerings. Administrators will continue to analyze outcome data to help determine the effectiveness of what has offered and make decisions about next steps.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for BFA Elementary/Middle School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for BFA Elementary/Middle School.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Franklin West Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for BFA Elementary/Middle School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for Medicaid is 35% at BFA Elementary/ Middle School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students in the BFA Elementary/Middle School.

BFA Elementary/Middle School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Franklin West Supervisory Union	BFA Elem/Middle School - Fairfax
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Mary Lynn Riggs	05/29/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

*A separate waiver request form must be completed for each waiver type sought. Please select the type of waiver.*

TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">BFA &amp; FWSU ACTION PLAN SUMMARY 2009-2012.doc</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:  
 School does not have requisite poverty level. Current poverty level is 19.6%. School needs flexibility of addressing needs of all students by full staff according to school wide plan.
2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:  
 Measureable goals for improvement are outlined in the school wide action plan, including specific measureable goals in early education, mathematics, reading, writing and science. School has also set goals to address special education subgroup according to AMO's defined as part of AYP targets. (See attached school wide plan) Supporting documentation has been developed and is available in each content area.
3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:  
 Teachers, administrators, parents/board members/community members were solicited for participation in the Action Planning process, and they were part of the process of reviewing data, identifying measureable goals, and school wide strategies. The FWSU and individual Board review and approve school wide plan.
4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:  
 Student performance data will be reviewed on an annual basis by school-based and FWSU vertical teams including K-12 teachers. The Action Planning Team will be presented with preliminary results and will adjust goals and targets as necessary.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for BFA High School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for BFA High School.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Franklin West Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for BFA High School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for Medicaid is 36% at BFA High School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students in the BFA High School.

BFA High School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Franklin West Supervisory Union	BFA High School - Fairfax
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Mary Lynn Riggs	05/29/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

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TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">BFA &amp; FWSU ACTION PLAN SUMMARY 2009-2012.doc</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:

School does not have requisite poverty level. Current poverty level is 16.6 %. The school needs flexibility of addressing needs of struggling students by full staff according to schoolwide plan in order to move to the level of a high performing school.

2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:

Measurable goals for improvement are outlined in the school wide plan, including specific measurable goals in early education, mathematics, reading, writing, and science. ( see attached school wide plan) Supporting documentation has been developed and is available in each content area.

3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:

Teachers, administrators, parents/board members/community members were solicited for participation in the Action Planning process, and they were part of the process of reviewing data, identifying measurable goals, and developing schoolwide strategies. The FWSU and individual Board discuss, review, and approve the school wide plan at a Board meeting where the Action Plan appears on a public warning.

4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:

Student performance data will be reviewed on an annual basis by school-based and FWSU vertical teams including PreK-12 teachers. The Action Planning Team will be presented with preliminary results on an annual basis, and they will be charged with adjusting goals, targets, and strategies as necessary.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for Fletcher Elementary School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for Fletcher Elementary School.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Franklin West Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for Fletcher Elementary School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for Medicaid is 33% at Fletcher Elementary School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students in the Fletcher Elementary School.

Fletcher Elementary School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Franklin West Supervisory Union	Fletcher Elementary School
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Mary Lynn Rlggs	05/29/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

*A separate waiver request form must be completed for each waiver type sought. Please select the type of waiver.*

TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">FES &amp; FWSU ACTION PLAN SUMMARY 2009-2012.doc</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:  
 Fletcher Elementary School does not have the requisite poverty level. Current poverty level is 23.3%. The school needs flexibility in addressing the needs of students who struggle by its full staff according to the school wide plan.
2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:  
 Measurable goals for improvement are outlined in the school wide action plan, including specific measurable goals in early education, mathematics, reading, writing, and science. Supporting documentation has been developed and is available in each content area.
3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:  
 Teachers, administrators, and parents/Board members/community members were solicited for participation in the Action Planning process, and they were part of the process of reviewing data, identifying measurable goals, and developing school wide strategies. The FWSU and the FES Board review and approve the school wide plan in a publicly warned session.
4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:  
 Student performance data will be reviewed on an annual basis by school-based and FWSU vertical teams including K-12 teachers. The Action Planning Team will be presented with preliminary results on an annual basis and they will adjust goals, targets, and strategies as necessary.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for Georgia Elementary/ Middle School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Franklin West Supervisory Union for Georgia Elementary/Middle School.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Franklin West Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for Georgia Elementary/Middle School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for Medicaid is 20% at Georgia Elementary/ Middle School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students in the Georgia Elementary/Middle School.

Georgia Elementary/Middle School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Franklin West Supervisory Union	Georgia Elem/Middle School
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Mary Lynn Riggs	05/29/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

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TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">GEMS &amp; FWSU Action Plan 2009-2012.doc</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:

Georgia Elementary and Middle School does not have the requisite poverty level. Current poverty level is 18.7%. The school needs flexibility in addressing the needs of students who struggle by its full staff according to the school wide plan.

2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:

Measurable goals for improvement are outlined in the school wide action plan, including specific measurable goals in early education, mathematics, reading, writing and science. Supporting documentation and parent involvement strategies have been developed and are available in each content area.

3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:

Teachers, administrators, and parents/Board members/community members were solicited for participation in the Action Planning process, and they were part of the process of reviewing data, identifying measurable goals, and developing school wide strategies. The FWSU and the GEMS Board review and approve the school wide plan in a publicly warned session.

4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:

Student performance data will be reviewed on an annual basis by school-based and FWSU vertical teams including K-12 teachers. The Action Planning Team will be presented with preliminary results on an annual basis and they will adjust goals, targets, and strategies as necessary.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent and Federal Programs Team

**ITEM:** Ed-Flex Waiver Request, Rutland Town School ~ Will the State Board of Education grant a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for Rutland Central Supervisory Union for Rutland Town School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the State Board of Education approve a waiver for the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project be granted to the Rutland Central Supervisory Union for Rutland Town School through the current authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Extension of the educational flexibility program under section 4 of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, Section 1 (a) Extension Authority.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Rutland Central Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for Rutland Town School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for medicaid is 36.34 % at Rutland Town School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students in the Rutland Town School.

Rutland Town School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

None, but allows for flexibility in planning and spending of Federal funds at the school building level.

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Rutland Central Supervisory Union	Rutland Town School
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Lynne Blair	05/14/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

*A separate waiver request form must be completed for each waiver type sought. Please select the type of waiver.*

TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">school wide program RTS 5.14.09.doc</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:

RTS current level of poverty for the FY 09 using Medicaid numbers is over 35%. We would like to be able to use SWP funding for the FY10.

2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:

Increase the number of students meeting the standard in reading and math as measured by NECAP and local assessment data.  
Increase the number of students successfully completing service learning which currently is 0%.  
Increase the number of students meeting the tech standards whose levels are currently unknown and non-assessed.

3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:

This would be the first time that RTS would receive Title I funds so there is no change in practice. Notice regarding TI planning has occurred in school board meetings, faculty meetings, and action planning meetings.



4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:

There will be an increase in the number of students who nearly achieved the standard to achieved the standard as measured on the NECAP and local assessments.

There will be a sampling of students in grades 5-8 to collect data on meeting the tech standards measured at beginning and end of the year.

There will be a 25% increase in the number of students successfully completing service learning which is currently 0%.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Washington West Supervisory Union for Harwood Union High School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Washington West Supervisory Union for Harwood Union High School.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Washington West Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for Harwood Union High School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for Medicaid is 34.5% at Harwood Union High School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students attending Harwood Union High School.

Harwood Union High School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Washington West Supervisory Union	Harwood UHSD #19
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Michelle Baker	06/22/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

*A separate waiver request form must be completed for each waiver type sought. Please select the type of waiver.*

TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">HUHS Schoolwide Plan.pdf</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:  
In order to use Title I dollars most effectively; now a targeted assistance school
2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:  
Improved student performance by grade level and cohort as measured by NECAP.
3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:  
Staff meetings, PTA's and PTO's. We are in the process of education and dialogue and considering parent surveys in future years.
4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:  
Ongoing progress monitoring will be the responsibility of the C&A Dir, Supt., Principal and results shared in the form of annual reports to Boards and Community.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** Independent & Federal Programs

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver -request for Washington West Supervisory Union for Warren Elementary School?

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the Ed-Flex Waiver request for Washington West Supervisory Union for Warren Elementary School.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Ed-Flex Authority via *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999* – Vermont's authority under this act is still valid.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Washington West Supervisory Union has requested a waiver to the 40% poverty requirement to establish a Title I schoolwide project for Warren Elementary School.

Under the Federal Title I law, schoolwide projects allow for more program flexibility at the local level. This program option is typically available for only the poorest schools (40% or more of the students in poverty).

Title I program staff reviewed the request and found that a waiver is necessary since the percentage of students currently eligible for Medicaid is 37% at Warren Elementary School. Department staff found the request reasonable and likely to benefit the Title I students in the Warren Elementary School.

Warren Elementary School has submitted an approved Title I schoolwide plan.

**COST IMPLICATIONS:**

No cost implication for the Department;  
None anticipated within the LEA

**STAFF AVAILABLE:** David Baroudi, 828-5156



## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2009 ED-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Washington West Supervisory Union	Warren Elementary School
<b>LEA</b>	<b>School/Site</b>
Michelle Baker	06/22/2009
<b>Person completing waiver</b>	<b>Date</b>

*A separate waiver request form must be completed for each waiver type sought. Please select the type of waiver.*

TYPE OF WAIVER REQUESTED	Required Attachment
Title I "no wide variance in poverty percentages" waiver	<b>Poverty Data Showing Schools within the LEA are all within 10% points of one another.</b> (no file provided)
PL 107-110, Title I, §1114(a)(1), Eligibility for Schoolwide Designation	<b>Viable Schoolwide Plan</b> <a href="#">Warren Schoolwide Plan.pdf</a>
Other: If a Title I waiver, not checked above, is needed, call David Baroudi at 828-5156. For Title II waivers, not checked above, contact Carol Duley at 828-3843. For other waivers, contact Ed Haggett at 828-5400 for assistance	
Check here if this waiver request applies to a school identified for school improvement.	

1. Describe why the waiver is needed:  
In order to allow added flexibility in how Title funds are expended
2. Describe the specific, measurable educational goals or objectives the applicant expects to achieve as a result of this waiver:  
Improved overall student performance.
3. Describe how the public notice requirement was met, including how interested parties (e.g., teachers, parents, community members) were made aware of and were involved in developing the waiver request:  
Staff meetings, PTA's, PTO's and Board. We are in the process of education and dialogue and considering parent surveys in future years.
4. Describe how progress in implementing the waiver will be measured:  
Ongoing progress monitoring will be the responsibility of the WWSU C&A Dir , Supt and Principal and results shared in the form of annual reports to Boards and Community.

The waiver has been approved

The waiver **has not** been approved

## **Brief Explanation of Ed Flex Authority**

### **Ed Flex Authority under *The Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999***

Ed-Flex is a program that allows the Secretary of Education to delegate to states with strong accountability safeguards the authority to waive certain federal education requirements that may, in particular instances, impede local efforts to reform and improve education. It is designed to help districts and schools carry out educational reforms and raise the achievement levels of all children by providing increased flexibility in the implementation of federal education programs in exchange for enhanced accountability for the performance of students.

Ed-Flex is not a funding program. Rather, it is a program that delegates to states the authority to grant waivers of certain federal requirements.

Vermont is one of a handful of Ed-Flex states.